

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: CRYPTOGRAPHIC KEY DISTRIBUTION  
METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREOF  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendment be entered into the application:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as shown:

In the Brief Description of the Drawings, please delete the paragraph starting at page 12, line 12 to line 16, and replace it with the following paragraph:

Figs. 5(a), 5(b), and 5(c) are diagrams showing voltage signals of the signal light decoded at the balanced detector including the fluctuation caused by the noise and the probability distributions of the voltage signals obtained by several times of the detection at the embodiment of the present invention;

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendment be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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### Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

[Fig. 5 is a diagram] Figs. 5(a), 5(b), and 5(c) are diagrams showing voltage signals of the signal light decoded at the balanced detector including the fluctuation caused by the noise and the probability distributions of the voltage signals obtained by several times of the detection at the embodiment of the present invention;